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To: Marijuana Control Board

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Re: AMIA Public Comment Proposed Changes to AAC 306.435 | Batch Tagging

Dear Members of the Marijuana Control Board,

We would like to extend our warm congratulations to Lacy Wilcox on her appointment to the public seat on the board. We are confident that she will continue to be an advocate not only for the health and growth of our industry but also for the public health and safety. Her dedication and experience make her an invaluable addition to the board.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the Marijuana Control Board and enforcement staff for their responsiveness to our concerns regarding intoxicating hemp/marijuana. We greatly appreciate the diligent efforts being made across the State of Alaska. We look forward to supporting the AMCO office in their continued efforts to ensure that these products are removed from the shelves of unlicensed retailers.

We would like to express our appreciation to Senator Claman and Representative Tomaszewski for listening to our concerns and working to address the issues with the failing tax structure which is strangling the legal marijuana industry. Our industry is facing significant challenges and needs support from the Marijuana Control Board to stabilize and thrive. One of the most critical areas needing attention is the reduction of the excise tax, which currently burdens cultivators and jeopardizes the viability of many businesses. AMIA strongly supports reducing the state excise tax from $50 per ounce to $12 per ounce. This change is essential to stabilizing the legal cannabis market in Alaska. We respectfully request that the Marijuana Control Board support legislative efforts aimed at reducing the current excise tax burden on the cannabis industry. Additionally, we request support for the reinstatement of the C-Corp tax exemption, as a significant number of industry members have opted to incorporate under this structure.

Lastly, we strongly advocate for a regulatory amendment regarding Batch Tagging, as outlined in 3 AAC 306.435 - Marijuana Inventory Tracking System. We propose that a marijuana cultivation facility shall assign a tracking number to each crop of marijuana plants when the height of one or more plants exceeds 18 inches or flowering. This adjustment would help streamline the process, reduce unnecessary burdens on cultivators, decrease environmental waste, and result in cost savings, as cultivators in our state currently face some of the highest production costs in the nation.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and for your ongoing dedication to the well-being of the cannabis industry and the public. We look forward to continued collaboration to foster a fair and sustainable regulatory environment.

Respectfully,
The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association Board of Directors

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Dear Marijuana Control Board Members,

Please see attached the public comment from the Alaska Marijuana Industry Association. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our input and look forward to your consideration.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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